

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JULY 26, 2017
REGULAR SESSION

Members Present: David Andrade, Nelson Almeida, David Viera,
Michelle Hines, David Parker

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Chairman Andrade opened the meeting at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

He announced that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20(f), any person recording the meeting must notify the Chairman. The Board of Selectmen is recording via audio and visual.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS UPDATE

Mr. Viera announced that volunteers are needed on the Capital Improvement Committee (2 Board of Selectmen appointments), Conservation Commission (3 BOS), Energy Committee (1 BOS), Historical Commission (1 BOS), Property Tax Work-Off Committee (2 BOS), and Zoning Board of Appeals (1 BOS).

COMMUNITY SPEAKS – None.

PRIORITY MATTERS

Consider a Conditional Offer of Employment to Meghan Joyal for the Position of Secretary to the Conservation Commission

Mr. Cadime advised that Mr. Alexander and Mrs. Miller had conducted interviews. He recommended the conditional offer of employment.

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To extend a conditional offer of employment to Meghan Joyal as Secretary to the Conservation Commission.

Appoint and Swear In Adam Dawley as a Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Third Class

Chief Michael Healy requested the appointment. Mr. Cadime recommended.

A motion was made by Mr. Almeida, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Adam Dawley as Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Third Class, effective Thursday, August 3, 2017.

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Town Clerk Florice Craig swore in Firefighter Dawley. His badge was pinned by his dad.

Appoint and Swear in Joshua Medeiros as a Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Third Class

Chief Healy requested the appointment. Mr. Cadime recommended.

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Joshua Medeiros as Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Third Class, effective Monday, July 31, 2017.

Town Clerk Florice Craig swore in Firefighter Medeiros. His wife pinned his badge.

Chief Healy had noted that they both live within the 15 mile radius and they signed the Attachment A (training payback if resignation within five years).

Accept the Resignation of Steven Przeszlo as Firefighter/Paramedic Effective July 31, 2017

Chief Healy advised that Firefighter Przeszlo and the last firefighter who resigned have the exit interview to complete.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Almeida, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Steven Przeszlo as Firefighter/Paramedic effective July 31, 2017.

Consider Accepting Donations to the Seekonk Animal Shelter

Mr. Cadime recommended the Board accept the donations.

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the donations totaling \$1,135 as follows:

Roselynn Oliveira \$50.00
Heather Olson \$20.00
Shane Wright \$10.00
Kevin and Leslie Koenaghan \$50.00
Kerri McMahan \$30.00
Stephen and Patricia Sylvia \$200.00
Emily and Kelly Roark \$100.00
Anthony and Joan Diruzzo \$25.00
Helen Melucci \$40.00
Elizabeth and Maurice Roberts \$50.00

Fred Plant \$50.00
Joyce Munlin \$100.00
Judy Hodge \$100.00
George Goodhue \$10.00
Ruben and Victoria Spitz \$50.00
Brian Hodge \$50.00
The Price Foundation \$200.00

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider the Request for Transfer of License and Change of Location of an Annual All Alcohol Package Store License from Well's Liquors, Inc., 1143 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA to Radhi & Dev, Inc. d/b/a Smart Shop Convenience, to be located at 419 Taunton Avenue, Seekonk MA; Sunil B. Patel, Manager

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To open the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Atty. Scott B. Rubin from Brockton MA and Mr. Patel were in attendance. Atty. Rubin indicated that Mr. Patel wants to remain open until 11 p.m. Liquor sales will be from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. He plans to expand at that location in the future.

A motion was made by Mr. Almeida, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the transfer of license and change of location of an Annual All Alcohol Package Store license from Well's Liquors, Inc. to Radhi & Dev, Inc., d/b/a Smart Shop Convenience Stop, to be located at 419 Taunton Avenue, Seekonk, MA.

In discussion prior to the vote, Mr. Parker questioned why a representative from Wells Liquors was not in attendance.

Atty. Rubin advised there is a signed contract for the sale of the license.

Ms. Hines clarified that the corporation, Radhi & Dev, Inc., owns the business and the license and paperwork are in the name of Sunil Patel.

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Mr. Almeida asked about three separate offenses regarding selling alcohol to minors in a previous location.

Mr. Patel said it was employees who were properly disciplined.

Mr. Almeida noted that the Town has a policy. He is comfortable with the location and he welcomed him.

Atty. Rubin stated the liquor will be located in a separate area of the store.

OLD BUSINESS

Review and Discuss Open Meeting Law Complaint Regarding Board of Selectmen's June 28, 2017 Meeting Agenda/Notice and Response to Complaint Filed by Patrick Higgins

The Board reviewed the attorney's response to be sent to the Atty. General's office.

Mr. Cadime advised it can be viewed at the Town Administrator's office or on line.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Awarding the Animal Shelter Architectural Contract to Brewster Thornton Group

Mr. Cadime recommended the Board approve the contract with Brewster Thornton Group.

A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Ms. Hines, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To award the architectural contract for the animal shelter to Brewster Thornton Group in the amount of \$125,000.

Consider the Approval of Regular Session Minutes of July 12, 2017

A motion was made by Mr. Almeida, seconded by Ms. Hines, and it was

VOTED: 4 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To accept the Regular Session minutes of July 12, 2017.

The vote: Mr. Almeida – Aye; Ms. Hines – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye; Mr. Parker – Abstained.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS – None.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cadime advised he should have the Purchase and Sales Agreement for the old town hall for the next meeting.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Veterans Memorial Park Committee Liaison Report

Mr. Viera stated all bricks should be completed by the end of August. The 4 x 8 brick is no longer available, only the 12 x 12. Forms can be submitted and payment will be expected prior to the actual engraving of the brick. The engraver will do ten or more at one time.

Mr. Viera will meet with Mr. Cabral to talk about picking up the cannon and a proper location at the Veterans Memorial Park. The cannon weighs 12,800 lbs. He will coordinate with the Veterans Agent about a dedication on Veterans Day. Rep. Steve Howitt wants to be involved in the dedication.

Mr. Viera said the Board has been talking about the situation on School Street for about five to six weeks. Neighbors should not have to tolerate that.

Mr. Cadime said there is an action plan. He will check with Building Inspector Neil Abelson. The individual is being fined for the vehicles that have not been removed.

Mr. Parker added there are also health issues with that property.

Mr. Cadime was unaware of that.

Mr. Viera noted there are heavy fines in accordance to the by-law.

Mr. Parker suggested the Board consider the completion of the senior center. They need to talk about the cost to finish that project. It would also relieve space issues at town hall.

Chairman Andrade noted it had been discussed briefly.

Mr. Parker requested an inventory of items stored at the fire station on County Street.

Mr. Cadime noted there are several projects going on right now. It cost about \$5,000 to heat that building. Chief Healy is looking at cost analysis.

Ms. Hines talked about the high grass at an area on Sanctuary Lane.

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Mr. Cabral said it's the responsibility of the developer. He will check on that.

Ms. Hines mentioned the Salvation Army Community Fun Day to be held on Saturday, August 12, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. behind the Hurley School. All activities are free.

Mr. Almeida stated that residents are asking about replacing the speed limit and "Slow Children" signs on Jacob Street.

Mr. Cabral advised the State no longer allows the "Slow Children" signs. He recommended speed limit plaques on the curve.

Mr. Cadime said that DPW will be an agenda item in September.

Mr. Viera said there were six structure fires in Seekonk – five in the south end.

Mr. Parker noted the apparatus got to today's fire in three minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:09 p.m., Mr. Viera motioned, seconded by Ms. Hines, to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions with respect to negotiations with Seekonk Firefighters Union IAFF Local 1931 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), DPW AFSCME Council 93 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), United Steelworkers of America Clerical Unit Local 9517-10 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), United Steelworkers of America Supervisors Unit Local 9517-09 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), Dispatch AFSCME Council 93 per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), and Seekonk Public Library Employee Association, MLSA, AFT Massachusetts, AFL-CIO per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) as having discussion in open session would be detrimental to the litigation or bargaining position of the town; not to return to open session.

The vote: Mr. Viera – Aye; Ms. Hines – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Mr. Parker – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Prepared by:

Patricia Gamer, Secretary

